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Two modern floating docks equipped with cranes were located north of Moseyev Island (N 64-33, E 40-31). There was a steamer of about 1,500 dwt, in one of the docks

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but [] the drydocks could handle ships up to 3,000 dwt. A shipbuilding and repair yard which [] was working at full capacity was located in the recess north of the island. Twenty-four minesweepers were tied up in groups of six just northwest of the floating docks. Each of the minesweepers was painted black []

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[] most of the vessels [] similar to the Norwegian ZIG and ZAG Class (sic). Two ladder dredges, with scows alongside, were observed in this area. A suction dredge worked at the sandbar.

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5. Keg Ostrov airfield was on the spit of the island opposite Arkhangelsk. [] about fifteen single- and twin-engined aircraft on the field. They were propeller-driven aircraft, built low to the ground, and they were painted brown. The airfield had a wooden pier on the south side at which an 800-dwt tanker discharged a cargo of gasoline. A pipeline connected the pier with the airfield. [] the gasoline was stored underground, as [] large number of empty metal drums. Soldiers in khaki uniforms practiced entrenching west of the airfield.

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6. [] single-engined jet aircraft with swept-back wings and high tail units were seen over Arkhangelsk every day. They did not come from Keg Ostrov airfield. They generally flew in formations of three but occasionally three groups of three aircraft each were observed at one time. [] their flight discipline was remarkable. They flew at altitudes of 100 meters as well as at altitudes at which only vapor trails could be seen.

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The berth was a plain wooden landing of thick fascines with planked girders laid at right angles to the channel. The planks formed a roadway for the trucks carrying the lumber. []

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[] There were large quantities of timber on the river bank.

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[] many soldiers and sailors in the streets and [] almost all of them, even quite young ones, wore decorations. Most of the soldiers wore red epaulets. [] 12-year-old children engaged in piling lumber. [] about a hundred ships had been in Arkhangelsk harbor [] There were also many large tugboats and two, 3000-dwt lighters in port.

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9. [] the inhabitants of Arkhangelsk appeared to be well-dressed and satisfied. Loudspeakers blared forth music and propaganda on every corner. [] even heavy-working cargo handlers, both men and women, did their job merrily and gaily; they were often overheard singing. They looked well-fed and they praised the Soviet system. Modern five- or six-story houses, which looked comfortable and clean, were located behind parks along the shore walk. Shop windows were full of commodities. Streets were well-lighted and clean. [] vitality and working efficiency of the population and [] all public authorities were correct (sic).

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